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APPLICANT: Sixto et al.

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EXAMINER: R. Kearney

TITLE: ELECTROSURGICAL TISSUE REMOVAL WITH A  
SELECTIVELY INSULATED ELECTRODE

FC 3700 MAIL ROOM

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In Response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2001, Applicants hereby submit the following Amendment and Remarks. Applicants submit herewith a petition for a one-month extension of time up to and including April 30, 2002 and requisite one-month extension fee and an additional independent claim fee. Applicants believe that no additional fees are due at this time, however, should additional fees and/or extensions of time to respond to the Office Action be required, please consider this conditional authorization to charge deposit account no. 20-0531 and a conditional petition for the required extension of time. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**AMENDMENT**

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 22 and add new claims 26-34, as follows.

1. (Amended) An electrosurgical device comprising:

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